

Mr. Michael Hokana
Office of Ports & Domestic Shipping
U.S. Maritime Administration

Dear Sir:

As owner of Pacific Catalyst Expeditions, l.l.c., I am writing to voice objection to request for administrative waivers of Jones Act coastwise trading restrictions currently under consideration for the following foreign-built vessel:

Docket #	Vessel Name
16513	Lady Luck

This vessel has applied for waiver to operate commercially in Washington State. Pacific Catalyst, Inc. is owner/operator of M.V.'s WESTWARD & CATALYST, both U.S. built & flagged vessels home-ported in Port Townsend, Washington.

We provide competitive, reliable and high-quality passenger service (both scheduled and charter) in Puget Sound and the U.S. San Juan Islands.

We provide this service in compliance-with and reliance-upon coastwise trading rules long established in U.S. maritime law.

The requested waivers will adversely impact our own operations and will have similar adverse impact on the abundant number of vessels already available for charter (both bareboat & crewed) in Washington State. The existence, and virtually unli ited availability of boats for charter in this area can be confirmed by a cursory web-search. For examples, please see:

<http://www.abcyachtcharters.com/listboats.cfm>

<http://www.sailnw.com/>

<http://www.chartersnorthwest.com/charters.cfm>

<http://www.pcocharters.com/>

http://dir.yahoo.com/Regional/U_S_States/Washington/Metropolitan_Areas/Seattle_Metro/Business_and_Shopping/Shopping_and_Services/Outdoors/Boating/Charters/

<http://www.ayc.com/>

We respectfully request denial of the above referenced waiver requests.

Yours Very Truly,

Hugh Reilly
Pacific Catalyst Expeditions, l.l.c.